



St Edmund's Catholic School

Caelum Dives IngreDI

Headteacher: Mr S Graham BSc, NPQH



Teacher of Drama (Maternity Leave) Information for Applicants

Our aim is to encourage spiritual development and understanding of the faith, create an atmosphere of order, discipline and respect, enabling every pupil to achieve their true potential. Maintaining standards of excellence in teaching and learning and build a family which cares for all its members where understanding, mutual trust and friendship are fostered.



'I can do all things with the help of God who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



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Dear Colleague,

TEACHER OF DRAMA (MATERNITY LEAVE): September 2025

St Edmund's is a thriving, positive and happy school, where individuals achieve excellent levels of personal development and outstanding academic achievement. As a Voluntary Aided Catholic School we seek to provide a Christian education for our children within the discipline and traditions of the Catholic church.

We are extremely proud of the quality of education, opportunities and life experiences that our children receive. This is only possible thanks to the fantastic staff who put students first and are committed to all aspects of the St Edmund's family. Our outcomes for students have been the best in Portsmouth and South Hampshire for several years. St Edmund's has been in the top 10% of all schools nationally for many years. We have been rated Outstanding by Ofsted in 2016 and June 2022 AND Outstanding in our Section 48 report in 2012 and 2023. This fantastic achievement reflects the special learning environment which exists here at St Edmund's, allowing students to learn and develop in a family where mutual trust, respect, collaboration and tolerance are fostered. Staff working at the school can enjoy their roles and reap the rewards of working with young people and educating the future generations of our world.

As a Christ-centred learning community we have a passion for developing the individual God given gifts which we are bestowed. We seek to improve curiosity, creativity and a passion for life long learning. In an environment with high standards and an atmosphere of order, discipline and respect. Our faith identity is not an add on but permeates all aspects of life at St Edmund's allowing individual, spiritual development in a positive family, where tolerance, love and mutual respect, a zest for learning are some of our guiding principles.

We are looking for someone with a commitment to the Catholic Christian ethos of the school, a capacity for hard-work and a passion for ensuring that students are successful both academically and in their educational experiences. Working with staff, students, parents and governors, you will have the enthusiasm, dedication and talent to continue to drive this outstanding family forward.

The School is looking to appoint a Performing Arts Teacher with the ability to teach Drama. The successful candidate will be enthusiastic and committed to maintaining further Drama within the school. You will have a key role in establishing Drama within the KS3 and KS4 curriculum.

The deadline for receipt of application is **Monday 24th February 2025**. These can be emailed to the school via: recruitment@saintedmunds.org.uk.

I very much hope that having read the enclosed details and looked at the school website, you choose to apply.

**'An inclusive education finds a place for all
and does not select in an elitist way the
beneficiaries of its efforts.'**
Pope Francis

Yours faithfully

Mr S Graham
Headteacher



Application Procedure

We hope this guide is helpful and that, having read the details, you will wish to apply for the post. If so, please complete the St Edmund's application form.

I would ask you specifically to describe:

- Your experience to date and the main features of your current experience.
- Your reasons for applying for the post.
- How have you improved the quality of teaching and learning to date for children?
- How you might contribute to the St Edmund's family?

Please do not submit additional documentation.

Completed applications should be returned to the Headteacher no later than:

Monday 24th February 2025

The post will start in September 2025.

Job Reference: DR25.

St Edmund's Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 and you will be required to declare whether you have any criminal convictions. St Edmund's Catholic School is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.





Intent:

Our Drama department adopts a practical approach to teaching, providing opportunities for pupils to develop their social skills and to build confidence with performing in front of others. We aim to encourage pupils to work well with others, to work independently and to be creative and imaginative. In Drama lessons at St Edmund's, pupils are taught skills in the areas of making, performing and responding. Many of these skills are transferable across the curriculum and we aim to develop these skills to support pupils in achieving their best at school.

The KS3 Drama curriculum comprises of both scripted and devised performance work, including the exploration of one Shakespeare text each year. This has formed excellent links with the English curriculum and has developed pupils' confidence with the Shakespearean language. Lessons are designed to enable pupils to make progress through discussion and group work. Pupils learn key skills and techniques that they build on and develop by applying them to a range of different theatrical styles and genres.

Verbal feedback forms a key part of Assessment for Learning within lessons, and pupils regularly have the opportunity to view each other's work and peer/self-assess it. This is extremely effective in allowing pupils to recognise what makes a performance effective and understand what they need to do to improve their work further.

'Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying and most of all, the love of what you are doing or learning to do.'

